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In re Application of:

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APPLICATION BRANCH

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For: AN ARRANGEMENT FOR AND A METHOD OF MANAGING A HERD OF

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed for the above-identified Application filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a). Priority of February 2, 2001 is claimed based on Netherlands Patent Application No. 1017353, filed February 13, 2001 and Netherlands Patent Application No. 1018046, filed May 11, 2001.

Prior to calculating the filing fee for this Application, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel without prejudice all claims except Claims 1, 2, 43 and 44.